State/Union Territory	Current fallows	Other fallow Lands	Total arable land
A & N Island*	1	3	56
Chandigarh*	—	—	3
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	24
Damand and Diu*	—	—	5
Delhi	1	6	58
Lakshya Deep	—	—	3
Pondicherry	2	2	32
AH-INDIA	13533	9766	169750

* In the absence of data for the year 1994-95, available information has been utilised.

@ Arable Land includes Net Sown Area, Current Fallows, Other Fallows and Land under Misc. Tree Crops and Groves etc.

Damage to onion crop in Maharashtra

146. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that onion crops were extensively damaged due to natural calamity in Maharashtra recently causing heavy losses to the farmers and skyrocketing the prices of onion in the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether Government had provided any relief or compensation to the onion growers of the State; and

(d)if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Damage to cotton crop in Maharashtra

147. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cotton crop in Maharashtra has extensively been damaged due to natural calamities causing heavy losses to the cotton growers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to compensate the cotton growers in the State, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) As per available information, the production estimate of cotton (Thousand bales of 170 kgs. each) in Maharahtra during 1996-97 and 1997-98 is indicated below:—

1996-97	3143
1997-98	1860

In order to increase production and productivity of all types of cotton, the Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Intensive Cotton Development Scheme in 11 major cotton growing States including Maharashtra on 75:25 basis. During 1998-99 an amount of Rs. 406.59 lakhs as Centre's share has been allocated to the State of Maharashtra under this scheme.